

Co. Tipperary Senior Football Final
Match Programme
2010

Coiste Thiobraid Árann
Co Tipperary Senior Football Final

Aherlow

V

Loughmore- Castleiney

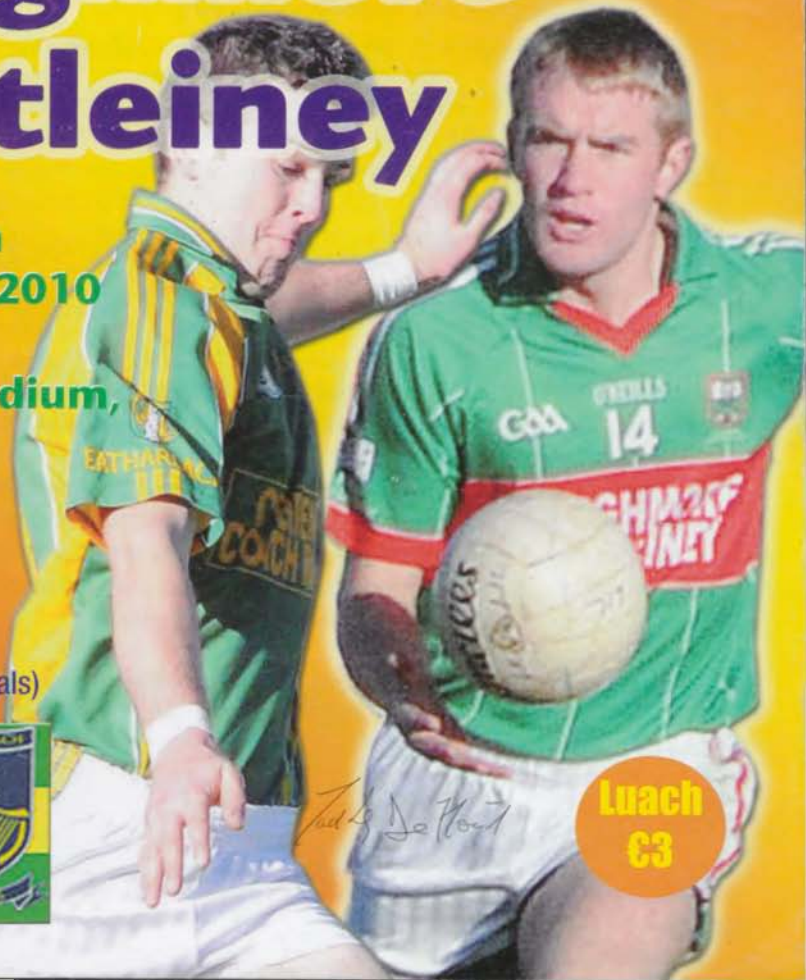
Sunday 7th
November 2010

Semple Stadium,
Thurles

at 2.30 p.m.

Referee:

Brian Tyrell
(Clonmel Commercials)



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Clár an Lae

- 2.13pm Aherlow out on to the field
2.15pm Loughmore Castleiney out on to the field
2.25pm Paráid na bhFoireann
2.28pm Amhrán na bhfiann
2.30pm **Throw in for County Senior Football Final**
Aherlow v Loughmore Castleiney
Réiteoir Brian Tyrell (Clonmel Commercial)
3.00pm Half Time of Senior Football Final
Presentation of the Galtee Rovers 1976, '80 and '81 County Senior Football Champions
3.10pm Second half of County Senior Football Final
3.40pm End of County Senior Football Final
3.50pm Presentation of the O'Dwyer Cup to the winning captain
by Noel Morris, Cathaoirleach an Chontae Peil, followed by the presentation of the Man of the Match award.
Sponsored by John Quirke, Jeweller, Cahir.

Nominations sought for Tipperary Sports Stars of the Year Awards

Each year the Tipperary United Sports Panel presents its annual Annerville awards, sponsored by Bulmers, to the county's top amateur sports stars of the year.

The Panel members, who are now meeting to choose the stars for 2010, welcome nominations from the public, clubs and sporting organisations. Anyone who wishes to nominate any sporting achievement by a team or individual, since the beginning of the year, may do so by contacting any member as soon as possible.

The Panel includes:-

Chairman Liam Ó Donnchú , Ballymoreen, Thurles.

Secretary Seamus King, Cashel.

Treasurer Ken Conway, Clonmel.

Committee Jimmy Cooney, Johnny O'Loughlin, Eamonn Wynne, David Clancy, Richie Blanche and Davy Hallinan (all Clonmel); Seamus McCarthy (Bansha) and James Holohan (Kilsheelan).

Fáilte

Cathaoirleach Contae Thiobraid Arann, Barry O'Brien

Is cois mhor athais dom fiorchaoín fáilte a fhearadh romhaibh go leir go dtí Staid Semple inniu le haghaidh Cluichi Cheannais Peil an Chontae. Fearaim fáilte faoi leith na himreoirí o na Cumainn a bheidh ag ghlacadh pairte anseo inniu. Tá suil agam go mbeidh la iontach taithneamhach ag gach uile dhuine.

Today we gather in Semple Stadium for what is another special day in our sporting lives, the county senior football final. I would like to welcome the teams taking part and thank them and all involved in their clubs for getting them to this, the ultimate stage in the competition. I would like to extend my best wishes to the players of Aherlow and Loughmore-Castleiney and I hope they have a memorable and enjoyable day.

Our thanks to our referee for today, Brian Tyrell and his officials whom I am sure will do a wonderful job as usual. They represent all the referees and officials within the county who officiate at games at venues throughout the county, year in, year out. We are and should be grateful for the dedication they bring to their role as referees. I would again take the opportunity to ask anyone who may be interested in becoming a referee to contact our county referee's administrator John Lonergan.

A special welcome to the men of Galtee Rovers who are here today to celebrate their achievements in the past. This is now part of the tradition on County final day and I am sure that it is part of the programme that we will continue long into the future.

Semple Stadium is again in wonderful condition for today's game and considering the major programme of games that have taken place here throughout the year the condition of the pitch is a credit to all those involved.

A special thank you to Sean Nugent, Tom Maher and all the members of County CCC who organise our fixtures throughout the year. This indeed is an onerous task but one which they carry out very effectively.

Finally, we look forward with anticipation of seeing the type of football that has this year brought Tipperary back to a standard which leaves us with high hopes of achieving the ultimate success as a county, in the near future.

Barra O'Briain



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Aherlow, Tipperary senior football finalists



Aherlow senior football Panel. Front l-r: Sean Mullins, Mark Hanley, Liam Richardson, Chris McDonald, Peter Leonard, Conor O'Shea, Frankie Leonard, Thomas Hanley, Mark O'Brien, Laurence Coskeran, Gordon Peters. Back l-r: Denis O'Shea, Lionel Leonard, Leo Leonard, Seamus Grogan, Barry Grogan, Brian Moroney, Clarán McDonald, John Hennessy, Tommy Russell, Cathal Dillon, Thomas Cooper Fahy, Bernard O'Brien, Derry Peters.

Fáilte

Cathaoirleach Tipperary Football Board, Noel Morris



On behalf of the Tipperary County Football Board I would like to welcome the teams and their supporters to this famous venue.

I welcome Aherlow and Loughmore-Castleiney in what promises to be a great days football. It's been a great year for football in the county with the victory by our U-21's providing great excitement.

Back to today's final where Aherlow return to Semple Stadium where they hope to make amends for last year's unsuccessful visit having lost to Moyle Rovers in last years decider.

Their supporters will recall with great pride the day they annexed their first ever County Senior football title in 2006. This year they began their campaign with victory over Killenaule in round one of the open draw championship. However they lost in round two against Loughmore but returned to winning ways by claiming the west final against Galtee Rovers. In the quarter final they defeated Thomas MacDonaghs and succeeded with a semi final victory over Cahir bringing them back to the famed Semple Stadium sod where they hope to erase last years narrow defeat to Moyle Rovers.

Their opponents, Loughmore-Castleiney carry a very proud tradition. They have won eleven county senior football championships beginning with the 1914, and followed by success in 1940, '46, '55, '73, '77, '79, '83, '87 '92 and more recently in '04. Like their opponents, they earned their place in today's final by winning their opening open draw game by overcoming Clonmel Commercial after a replay. They followed that victory by defeating Aherlow. Following that win they claimed the Mid final following a win over J K Brackens and having received a bye to the semi final, they overcome the holders, Moyle Rovers in the penultimate round.

This promises to be a great game indeed and I hope that the winners will go on to bigger things, when they take part in the Munster club championship. It would be nice to see some provincial silverware come to the county. It's long overdue.

Finally I would also like to welcome the Referee, Brian Tyrell and his team of officials. I also welcome our special guests, Galtee Rovers who are being honoured for their great era between 1975 and '81.

Enjoy the games.

Nollaig O Muiris

Cathaoirleach Peil Chontae Tiobraid Árann

It's a fifty-fifty game

By John Guiton *Tipperary Star*

One of the most intriguing Tipperary senior football finals in years is down for decision in Semple Stadium on Sunday next. The Field of Dreams should house a large attendance for what is in effect a 'replay' of last year's semi-final between Aherlow and Loughmore-Castleiney. On their way to last year's final which they lost by a solitary point to Moyle Rovers, Aherlow dished out a hammering to a surprisingly off-colour Loughmore and the Mid men are now on a revenge mission. Meanwhile, the West champions have their sights set on making amends for last year's heartbreak but they know they face a far different Loughmore side this season, the mid titleholders are oozing with confidence after defeating Aherlow in an earlier round of the county series and later knocked out champions Rovers at the penultimate stage.

What a difference a year makes. At semi-final stage last year Loughmore fell to a rare and stunning ten point defeat to the men from the Glen. Hard to believe that their form dipped so

dramatically that they failed to score from play and returned just 0-4 from frees over the hour. That said, they would be the first to admit that they came up against a well-drilled team inspired by county player Barry Grogan who led from start to finish, and always looked confident and assured on the ball. A new season, and Loughmore have redeemed themselves to the point that they are now the fancy of many to take the club's first title in the grade since 2004. They won't lack belief in themselves as they set about turning the tables on their rivals but they know it will take a supreme effort to stop a side well-equipped in their bid to regain the crown they last won in 2006.

Guided for the second year running by former Limerick Manager Liam Kearns Aherlow took the first big step on their way to this year's final when they beat Galtee Rovers in the West decider and while they had it all to do to get over Cahir they are back where they want to be and will be hoping that a tough semi-final experience will stand to them.

When management personnel and players from both camps gathered for a county final 'press evening' in Carr's Park Avenue House in Thurles on Wednesday evening they weren't keen to dwell for too long on the results of their previous meetings. Liam Kearns said that he and his charges are delighted to be back in the final and what matters now is how they apply themselves to the task of making amends for last year's defeat. "We were bitterly disappointed last year, to be so close and yet to be caught by a point (3-6 to 1-11). A few decisions went against us in that game that we were very annoyed about, but, that's behind us now and we are happy to be back in the final again. Liam said that the heartache of losing a game they could have won was massive, but, he paid tribute to his players for the great character they showed in fighting back. "To lose a county final by a point is an awful experience, but, you either lie down and give up on it or you get up and make yourself strong," he said.

Liam who succeeded in raising to a new level the profile of Limerick football during his time in charge of the Shannonsiders has done trojan work with Aherlow over two seasons and is loud

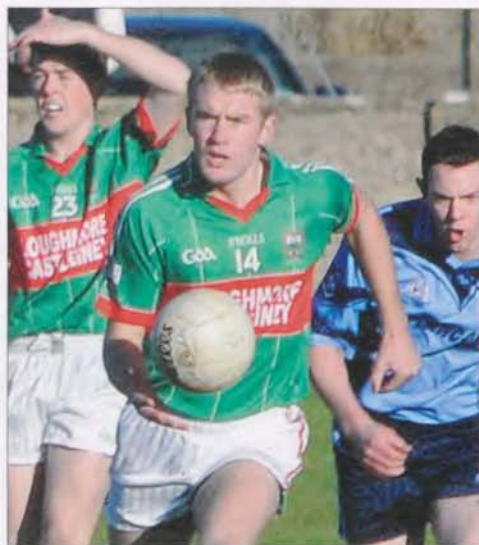


Ciaran McDonald Aherlow

in his praise of the response he and his selectors Michael Moroney and David Hennessy has got from the squad. "We (management and players) got together at the start of this year and our initial target was to win the West. We achieved that goal (defeated Galtee Rovers) and all the time our focus was on getting back to the final. We are back now, we got a hard game from Cahir (0-12 to 1-7) and we hope we can take our good run of form into Sunday," he said. But he made no bones about the challenge facing his side from a team who sent out a firm signal of intent when defeating Aherlow already this season. "Look, they have been the form team, they have won their division and went on to topple the county champions. They have a great tradition, they have won twelve county titles, we have only one. We know what we are up against, but, we have to concentrate on having ourselves right again for another final and to be ready to meet the task," he said. No shortage of motivation then in the men from the Glen as emphasised by their staunch centre-forward Derry Peters. "We are a close tightly-knit group of players and we vowed last year that we would do all in our power to get back into another final. We know we are up against a really good side now, their results show that, and we have to be ready for them" he said.

Certainly, the results have gone Loughmore's way, they are on a roll, and they are keeping their fingers crossed that they can reproduce the form of the semi-final win over Rovers on the day that matters most. The Mid divisional kingpins put their high level of fitness gained from their hurling championship exploits to maximum use when disposing of the challenge of neighbours JK Brackens in extra time of the divisional final. They had to field without Micheal Webster on that day so the result took on an even greater significance. The mid final win saw them straight into the county semi-final, and while Rovers were a distinct disadvantage without the legendary Declan Browne, there was no doubting the superiority of the Mid side in the second-half of the game.

Selector Declan Laffan and his colleagues Noel Morris and Ned Ryan are delighted with the progress of the team, but, all are agreed that they litmus test of the team is how they perform on Sunday. Noel Morris agreed that defeating Moyle Rovers was "a huge achievement" and felt that the team carried the momentum of the Mid final success into the game. "They are a great bunch of lads who are fierce determined to make the breakthrough now. They have been together



Noel McGrath Loughmore-Castleiney

down through the years on successful underage teams, and, they would love to bring the Cup back to the parish after six years," he said. He agreed that their high level of fitness attained through their participation in both codes has been an advantage, but, he also alludes to their general performance as a team unit against Moyle Rovers. "The lads knew they were in with a great chance of making it to the final and we (selectors) were pleased with the way they went about their business. Declan Laffan and Ned Ryan were keen to echo Noel's view that the progress made by the team, and their victory over Aherlow already this season, will count for nothing if they fail to get over their rivals on Sunday.

"Hopefully, we have come good at the right time but we are really up against it" said Declan, while Ned says it will be a tough task to match the experience of Aherlow on the basis that they played in last year's final. Micheal Webster, whose return to the starting line-up against Moyle Rovers had a huge bearing on the game, spoke of the great pride in the team to be representing the parish on county final day. You dream of getting there and now it all boils down to making the best of your chance. We were well-beaten badly by Aherlow last year, we had a terrible day, so hopefully we can make amends this time" he added.

So, all the indications are that the 2010 final is destined to go right down to the wire. All things taken into account, it must rank as a '50-50' affair.



Pictured from left at the recent press night for the County Senior Football final were Loughmore/Castleiney captain Ciarán McGrath, referee Brian Tyrell and Aherlow captain Mark O'Brien.



The Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Gleeson Quarries Mid Tipperary Senior Football Final 2009 Back l-r: Willie Eviston, Micheál Webster, John Scully, Derek Bourke, Paul Brennan, James Egan, Liam Treacy, David Kennedy, Paddy Moynahan, John Paul Fox, Dominic Brennan. Front l-r: Tommy Long, Evan Sweeney, Gary Sweeney, Diarmuid Brennan, Cian Hennessy, Noel McGrath, Ciaran McGrath, Eddie Connolly, David McGrath, Aidan McGrath.

C0. Senior Football Championship 2010 - Path to Final

Round	Date	Venue	Team	Score	Team	Score
Prelim	18/04/10	Boherlahan	J. K. Brackens	0-07	Commercials	1-10
First	01/05/10	Cahir	Killenaule	0-04	Aherlow	2-14
First	01/05/10	Cahir	Galtee Rovers	2-14	Fethard	1-10
First	01/05/10	Bansha	Éire Óg-Annacarty	2-11	Ardfinnan	2-07
First	01/05/10	Kilsheelan	Swan	4-08	Clonmel Óg	2-14
First	02/05/10	Boherlahan	Commercials	0-09	Loughmore/Castleiney	0-09
First	02/05/10	Dundrum	Fr. John Kenyons	Scr.	Cahir	w.o
First	02/05/10	Templetuohy	Thomas MacDonaghs	0-11	Moyle Rovers	2-20
First	02/05/10	Boherlahan	Arravale Rovers	2-13	Moyne/Templetuohy	1-07
First R	26/05/10	Kilsheelan	Swan	2-06	Clonmel Og	0-09
First R	01/06/10	Holycross	Commercials	0-08	Loughmore/Castleiney	2-07
Second	04/06/10	New Inn	Cahir	2-08	Galtee Rovers	1-07
Second	05/06/10	Cashel	Moyle Rovers	1-15	Arravale Rovers	2-07
Second	18/06/10	Cahir	Éire Óg-Annacarty	1-06	Swan	1-09
Second	19/07/10	Cashel	Loughmore/Castleiney	1-08	Aherlow	0-06
Q/F	16/10/10	Kilsheelan	Swan	1-07	Cahir	0-13
Q/F	17/10/10	Holycross	Aherlow	1-13	Thomas MacDonaghs	2-05
S/F	24/10/10	Cashel	Aherlow	0-12	Cahir	1-07
S/F	24/10/10	Cashel	Moyle Rovers	1-05	Loughmore/Castleiney	0-12
Final	07/11/10	Semple Stadium	Aherlow	v	Loughmore/Castleiney	

Famous Loughmore-Castleiney v Aherlow clashes

In 1996 and 1997 Loughmore-Castleiney and Aherlow contested County U-21 A Football finals with victory going to Aherlow in '96 and a reversal in '97 when the title went Loughmore's way.

In 1996, following a tightly fought encounter, Aherlow won by 0-10 to 1-6. Loughmore was captained by one of today's mentors, Declan Laffan. Noel Morris, another of today's mentors lined out at centre back that day and David Kennedy played at midfield.

The 1997 encounter was also a close fought contest. The sides were deadlocked at 0-9 each coming to the closing stages when a crossfield kick into the Aherlow goalmouth was flicked to the net by the high reaching Michael Webster. The goal gave Loughmore a 1-9 to 0-9 victory. Joe Danagher captained the winning team. Well known names like David Kennedy, Michael Webster, Tom King, Gary Sweeney, Murtagh Brennan were part of the team. Evan Sweeney was team mascot on the day.

Loughmore-Castleiney, Tipperary county champions 2004



Loughmore/Castleiney pictured after the 2004 final: Front row l-r: Michael Ormond, Pat McGrath, Ned Ryan, Gary Sweeney, Dominic Brennan, Micheál Webster, Eddie Connolly, Ciaran McGrath, Evan Sweeney, Shane Purcell, Paul Ormond, Pat Tierney (selector). Back row, l-r: Kevin Kelly, Fr. Peter Brennan, Noel Kennedy, Martin Gleeson, Declan Laffan, Tommy Ormonde, Cathy Doran, Paul Brennan, James Connolly, Tom King, James Egan, Noel Cahill, Johnny Gleeson, Seamus Bohan, Philip Kennedy, David Kennedy, Tommy Long, Barry Hennessy, Alvy Stapleton, Declan Bolger.

Welcome to today's referee, Brian Tyrell, Clonmel Commercials

This will be Brian's second final to take charge of having officiated in the 2003 encounter between Cahir and Ardfinnan.

That game was the stepping stone to an inter-county career with the whistle to include an All-Ireland Junior football final between Wexford and Cork followed by the Munster minor decider in 2005 between Cork and Kerry.

He officiated in the National league game involving Tyrone and Limerick and was in charge of the Asian Games Finals in 2009.

Back at club level he took charge of county finals in all grades with the 2007 intermediate final Rockwell Rovers v Arravale Rovers.

Brian's umpires are Johnnie O'Loughlin, John Morrissey, Dermot Ryan and Johnny O'Callaghan all from Commercials.



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during 2010

Michael Power's oration at Mick Frawley's burial

A Chairde Gael,

On behalf of the GAA, I want to extend our deepest sympathies to Michael Frawley's family, daughters Margaret, Mary, Cathriona and Anne, sons Michael and Ger, grandson Jamie, son-in-law Pat, sister Nora Bartley, sisters-in-law Mary Frawley, Joe and Alice Fitzgerald, brother-in-law Sean Fitzgerald and his extended family.

On Sunday the 1st August the news broke that Michael Frawley, better known as Mick to all of us, had died. We were all hit with a deep sadness as one of the linchpins of the Gaelic Athletic Association had left us to join his dear wife Nellie and his brother Jim who had predeceased him.

Michael Frawley was born on the 9th June 1932, to his parents Michael and Margaret Frawley and was the eldest in a family of three. He was passed on a proud family tradition and carried on this with great distinction.

He went to national school in Emly and when he completed his education, he took up farming full-time. In time he took over the family farm and built up a successful dairy operation, which he completely modernised to meet the needs of the day. He was elected to the management committee of the Tipperary Co-operative Society. The management skills he acquired were put to good use later with his involvement in the GAA.

On the 29th April 1965 he married Nellie Fitzgerald, and they were blessed with six children. Michael and Nellie ensured they were well-educated so they could avail of opportunities in life.

Apart from his family and farming, it was in the GAA that he really made his mark. He was very proud of Jack Raleigh's hurling exploits with Toomevara, also Malachy O'Brien who was a member of the Limerick Commercial team that won the first senior football All-Ireland, as well as Jim Mitchell's exploits in the athletics world. Of course they were all Emly men. The above-mentioned three men and others were a source of inspiration to him.

He had a long playing career with his beloved club Emly, culminating in divisional medals in Junior football, Junior hurling, Senior football and a County Junior football medal in 1968.

In 1968 he was part of the panel as well as the management of St. Ailbe's (Emly/Aherlow) that won a West Senior football title.

In the early 1960s, he was invited by Ardfinnan to

be part of the Tipperary Senior football selection committee. Ardfinnan were champions and in the process it was their call to put the county senior management in place. He spent in the region of twelve years as senior selector, as well as serving, on occasions, as selector in other teams. This commitment meant regular trips to Clonmel for training, attending club games and travelling with the team to different venues all over the country.

Fr Tom Marsh and Mick Frawley are legendary figures in the annals of Tipperary football. It was during their reign that Jim 'Tot' McGown was brought in to advance the fortunes of Tipperary football. McGown was a successful footballer with Mayo and was, by profession, an engineer working with the local authority in Clonmel.

During this time they had some close calls with Cork and Kerry but could not make the break. They did however win the Division 2 National League title in 1971 and were later beaten by Down in another final.

He was a Railway Cup selector with Munster for a number of years and during his tenure the Railway Cup was won. Mick did not travel empty handed as he had good players from the county – Michael 'Babs' Keating, Denis Burke, Eddie Webster, Sean Kearney and James Kehoe, in successful teams of 1972, 1975 and 1976.

During these years of playing and as a county selector, he was representing his club at West Board meetings and was shortly elected as one of four to represent the West Division on the County Board. At the same time he was club chairman and was central to the development of the new field, dressing room and stand, and later gave assistance with the lighting of the field.

In 1969 he was elected delegate with Donie Nealon and served for eight years representing Tipperary on the Munster Council. It was during this time that a big push came within the GAA for every club to vest their property in the GAA and to have their own field and dressing rooms. In this area, clubs throughout the county are deeply indebted to him for all the assistance he gave them. He had earlier been one of the driving forces in Emly and all the experience he had gained, he gladly passed it on.

In 1973 he was elected chairman of the West Board, a position he served with distinction. He, amongst others, helped the west to be competitive



in all grades for county honours.

In 1977 he was elected chairman of the Munster Council. The first task facing him was to appoint a secretary as Sean McCarthy (Kerry) died in office. His Tipperary colleague on the Council, Donie Nealon, was elected secretary. He enjoyed his three years on the Council and Donie Nealon, Tadgh Crowley (Treasurer) and himself worked as a great team. The Council was in debt but this did not stop the authorisation of support for county and club projects. The management of the council under his direction put the plan in place that has led to the Council being in today's healthy position.

It was under his direction that coaching schemes to assist the four unsuccessful counties was put in place. The star Kerry players Denis 'Ogie' Moran and Pat Spillane were amongst some of the coaches that came to help the Tipperary minor team. This almost paid off immediately as in 1980 the County Minor football team were eight points up with as many minutes to play but were beaten. The Kerry team went on to win the All-Ireland.

During his days as chairman of the Munster Council, he served on management in Croke Park. For at least two years of his time on management his close personal friend, Con Murphy, was President of the Association.

He was County chairman from 1982-84. He led the campaign to stage the All-Ireland Senior hurling final in Thurles. The campaign was successful and Thurles was awarded the final, which went off without a blemish. The county senior hurlers had been in the doldrums since winning the All-Ireland in 1971 and with the final in Thurles, the pressure was on for Tipperary to be there. Unfortunately, Tipperary were beaten, in their first Munster final since 1973, in dramatic fashion by eventual All-Ireland winners Cork. For the centenary final the preparation work was big but the issue of how to finance it was even bigger. Mick Frawley was to the front of this work, ably assisted by John Lanigan, Mick Maher, Pierce Duggan Tommy Barrett and others. They came up with the double your money scheme and went all over the county, province and country to raise the money. They succeeded and this has led to the fine stadium we enjoy today.

In 1984 the County Minor footballers reached the All-Ireland Minor final, only to be beaten by Dublin. However he was proud that we were there and had won the Munster title for the first time since 1955.

In 1984 I personally was glad he was chairman as he came to my rescue. The Senior footballers were to play Fermanagh in the N.F.L. in Enniskillen. As secretary of the football board, I was a member of the old fixture and finance committee, of which he was chairman. Permission was not forthcoming to travel Saturday evening. The late Hugh Kennedy, chairman of the football board, instructed me to write and

inform the county secretary that we were travelling overnight. The Monday night after Enniskillen, the afore-mentioned body met and the footballers were criticised for travelling overnight. The chairman, Mick Frawley, came to my rescue and it is now the norm for the footballers to travel overnight on a long journey.

At the same time as chairman of the county board, he was trying to keep the books balanced. He did his best to introduce the draw which later came under the chairmanship of Noel Morris, who appointed Mick as chairman of the draw committee. The draw was a success and this was helped by the appointment of Tim Floyd as co-ordinator. The draw has 20,000 members and without it the county could not survive.

The last major position he held in the GAA was trustee and this involved being part of management in Croke Park once more. He was elected from 1985 to 1988 inclusive. He later ran for President but the position eluded him.

The last position he held in the county was football board chairman. He was chairman for eight years 1997-2004 inclusive. During his tenure, the county contested two Munster Senior football finals, one of which went to a replay only to be beaten; an U21 final. However we won the Junior Munster and All-Ireland in 1998 under the guidance of Seamus McCarthy.

Mick worked tirelessly for the GAA and when the history books will be written, he will stand favourably with Cusack and Davin. The challenges were different but he rose to them. It must be remembered that what he did for the Association could not have done without the support of his wife Nellie, his brother Jim, and his six children. When GAA duty called Mick, which was often, the work had to be done and it was done.

To sum Mick up, he could be stubborn and loyal. No task was too big for him and while in the Chair for the various bodies he upheld the rules of the Association.

In 2008 the Munster Council, under the chairmanship of Jimmy O'Gorman, acknowledged his work on the administration front by making a presentation to him.

Mick was a member of the Pioneer movement all his life and was a devout Catholic.

The manner and the dignity in which the Emly GAA club assisted in the funeral arrangements and the guard of honour, Mick your contribution to the GAA has not gone unnoticed.

I hope Mick that I have done you justice as we lay you to rest alongside your dear wife Nellie.

Finally, I hope the soil of this graveyard rests gently on you.

Ni beidh a leitheid ann aris.

The late Seán Mockler

How Sean Mockler would love to be here this afternoon in Semple Stadium, cheering on his native Loughmore Castleiney in the County Senior Football Final.

The closely knit Mid Tipperary GAA and Tipperary football fraternities are still in mourning following the passing of one of nature's gentlemen, the legend that was Sean Mockler a few weeks ago.

A man who served his club with great distinction both on and off the field, Sean Mockler was regarded as one of The Premier County's most astute observers of the game of football. Indeed, he served as Chairman of the County Tipperary Football Board for a number of terms and dedicated much of his life to raising the profile of the game in a county largely dominated by hurling.

Sean, was also a very staunch defender of the divisional system and his term as Chairman of the Mid Board from 1994 - 1997 was most noteworthy.

However, in spite of his love of Mid Tipperary and The Premier County, nothing could come close to the affection he held for his beloved Loughmore Castleiney. A man who dedicated his life to the famed club, Sean was central to everything associated with Loughmore Castleiney and was not slow about putting his shoulder to the wheel when hard work was needed.

He delighted in the success of the club on and off the playing fields and had a particular gra for football - the club winning it's 57th Mid senior title recently

bringing a smile to his face. Sean would have been present for the vast bulk of those victories.

While the games enthralled Sean and gave him much enjoyment, he would readily acknowledge that it was the many friends he made through his

involvement in the GAA that gave him most satisfaction. He had

friends in every parish of County Tipperary and many of those descended on Templemore, Castleiney and

Templeree to pay their final respects as he was laid to rest in his native soil. With a rye smile, he would have entertained many of them with his lamenting of the difficulties of the 'poor country club' while at the same time delighting in the rapport as they dismissed his comments and mentioned the many titles secured in any given year by the green and red

army. It was vintage Sean Mockler - a humble, gentle and gracious soul.

The former Bord na Mona employee who was called ashore by the Great Referee is survived by his wife Rose, family, neighbours, GAA colleagues and many, many friends. A void has been left in their lives - to them all, sincerest sympathy is tendered

A County senior football final with Loughmore Castleiney featuring, but without Sean Mockler, hardly seems appropriate - his spirit will certainly be present and the players of his parish will want to win this one in his memory.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.





Aherlow players and team mentors at the recent press night, from left: Bernard O'Brien, Chris McDonald, Derry Peters, Mark O'Brien Captain, Liam Kearns, Manager and Patrick Hennessy, selector.



Aherlow

1

Brian Moroney

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Mark O'Brien (Capt)

John Hennessy

Mark Hanley

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Seán Mullins

Ciarán McDonald

Chris McDonald

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Cathal Dillon

Stuart Moloney

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Bernard O'Brien

Seamus Grogan

Laurence Coskeran

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Conor O'Shea

Barry Grogan

Derry Peters

Fir Ionaí

- 16 Gordon Peters 17 Tom Hanley
18 Denis O'Shea 19 Thomas Fahey
20 Leo Leonard 21 Peter Leonard
22 Lionel Leonard 23 Frankie Leonard
24 Seanie Peters 25 Shane Leonard
26 Tommy Russell

Raghnóirei

Management: Liam Kerins, Michael Moroney & David Hennessy.

Team Physio: Rebecca O'Sullivan

Club Officers: Chairman Tom Leonard; Secretary David Grogan; Treasurer James Noonan



Captain: Mark O'Brien

Loughmore Castleiney



1
David McGrath

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Tommy Long

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Eddie Connolly

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Willie Eviston

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Aidan McGrath

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Ciarán McGrath (Capt)

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Tom King

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David Kennedy

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John Scully

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James Egan

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Evan Sweeney

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Noel McGrath

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Liam McGrath

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Micheál Webster

15
Cian Hennessy

Fir Ionaíod

16 A. N. Other 17 Derek Bourke
18 Murtagh Brennan 19 Paul Brennan
20 Johnny Campion 21 Eamon Connolly
22 James Connolly 23 Shane Hennessy
24 Tomás McGrath 25 Henry Maher
26 John Meagher 27 Paddy Moynihan
28 Shane Nolan 29 Garry Sweeney
30 Liam Treacy 30 Tomás Quinn

Raghnóireí

Declan Laffan, Noel Morris, Ned Ryan.
Physio: Kathy Doran.



Captain: Ciarán McGrath

Galtee Rovers – golden era for Bansha footballers – 1975-1981

1975 began the start of Galtee Rovers most successful period in their long and distinguished history. It wasn't in senior football but in the under-21 grade that the initial breakthrough was made, the club winning its 1st (and still only) Under-21 title at this grade in 1975, beating the St Augustine's combination team. However, it would have been a brave man who would have predicted that this group of players would contest the next 6 consecutive county senior football finals, winning 3 titles in 1976, 1980 & 1981. To put this feat into perspective, the club didn't get to another county senior football final for another 27 years.

1976 - The under-21 success of '75 provided the impetus and the springboard for the team to progress in '76. However, it could all have finished before it started, the team lucky to escape with a draw in the 1st round against a

resilient Clonmel Commercial outfit. However, after a tough first half, Galtee's demolished Commercial in the 2nd half of the replay and suddenly people realised this team had more than just potential.

Following this, they overcame an under strength Borrisoleigh outfit. All roads now led to a semi final vs. JK Brackens of Templemore. Initially asleep, they went 5 pts behind. However, they recovered to lead by 2 pts at half time. The 2nd half was toe-to-toe football and going into injury time the teams were level. Perhaps it was the younger legs, but Galtee's made a last foray up the field and midfielder Seamus McCarthy kicked the winning point. Finally the club were back at the top table.

The final was an intriguing pairing – An all west affair as we were up against our near neighbour Arravale Rovers of Tipperary Town. A



Galtee Rovers 1976

Back Row; (l to r) Bernard Ferris, Seamus Byron, Michael Quirke, Billy Darcy, John Joe Hayes
Middle Row; Mick Hickey, Eddie Hickey, Jim Gallagher, Vincent O'Donnell, Seamus McCarthy, Eamon McCarthy, Billy Whelan, Neil Fleming, Paddy Lonergan, David Moloney. Front Row; Jimmy Darcy, Jerry O'Connell, Liam Bergin, Michael McCarthy, Jimmy Ferris (capt), Seamie Grogan, Paddy Morrissey, Jimmy Lonergan, Paul Hanley.



Galtee Rovers 1980

Back row; (l to r) David Moloney, Mike McCarthy (Ballyc.), Eamon McCarthy, John Joe Hayes, Tom O'Dwyer, Mick Hickey, Jimmy Ferris, Seamus McCarthy, Eddie Hickey, Billy Whelan, Hugh Kennedy, Liam Bergin, Neil Fleming. Front row; Seanie Grogan, Vincent O'Donnell (Capt), Sean Quinn, Michael McCarthy, Paddy Morrissey, Michael O'Connell, Billy Darcy, Declan Hickey, Pat Bergin, Conor Peters, Michael Grace.

clairvoyant would not have guessed the final score; Galtee Rovers 2-09 – Arravale Rovers 0-02. It was a truly memorable day for all involved when Jimmy Ferris accepted the county trophy.

The season finished with a visit of Kilrush, from Clare, to Bansha for the Munster Club Championship.

However, we went out to a strong Clare outfit.

1976 team: Jimmy Ferris (Capt.); Billy Whelan, Mick Hickey, Billy D'Arcy; Eamon McCarthy, Vincent O'Donnell, Jimmy D'Arcy; Seamus McCarthy, Paddy Morrissey; Jimmy Lonergan, Eddie Hickey, Michael McCarthy; John Joe Hayes, Seanie Grogan, Jerry O'Connell; Subs; David Moloney, Paul Hanley, Jim Gallagher, Michael Quirke, Liam Bergin, Seamus Byron, Paddy Lonergan, Neil Fleming, Bernard Ferris

1980 The following 3 seasons only brought heartache as the team contested and lost all 3 senior football finals of 1977, 1978 & 1979. 1977 saw us lose in a replay to the ever-dangerous Loughmore, who then began to turn into our nemesis by again beating us in 1979. After losing 3 finals in a row, most players would have lost their enthusiasm & hunger for the game. However, in 1980 the team broke their losing run.

Following a difficult spring, the team of '80 progressed through the early stage of the county, beating Fethard & divisional rivals Lattin-Cullen. This brought us up against possibly our greatest rival of this era, Solohead, in the county semi final. A dour 1st half saw Solohead 0-06 to 0-03 ahead at half time and looking good. However, the tempo increased after the break and with Vincent Donnell excelling at centre back and Michael McCarthy scoring 4 pts, Galtee's won by 1-10 to 0-09.

Our old friends Loughmore were our final opponents, a daunting prospect, but the thought of losing a 3rd final to them was unthinkable. Going into the game as underdogs, we went in a point ahead at half time. The 2nd half was a see saw affair with never more than a few between the teams. We stretched our lead to 3 pts with 10 minutes left. Loughmore showed great character to cut it to a single point but we held on for an outstanding victory. Great celebrations ensued when captain Vincent O'Donnell accepted the county cup.

Following the county triumph, we once again went into battle in the Munster club championship, facing Stradbally of Waterford, down in Stradbally. We drew a highly

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contentious game and then, missing several key players, returned to Stradbally for the replay. Unfortunately we lost this replay and the football year was over.

1980 team: Jimmy Ferris; Billy Whelan, Mick Hickey, Billy D'Arcy; Eamon McCarthy, Vincent O'Donnell (Capt.), Pat Bergin; Seamus McCarthy, Seamie Grogan; Mickey Sean O'Connell, Paddy Morrissey, Michael McCarthy; Declan Hickey, Eddie Hickey, Sean Quinn;

Subs; David Moloney, Conor Peters, Tim O'Dwyer, Hugh Kennedy, Liam Bergin, Mike Byron, John Joe Hayes, Neil Fleming, Mike McCarthy (Ballycarron), Michael Grace.

1981 The following season, we suffered an early season mini hangover and were very slow to get going. Our initial game in the county paired us with old foes Solohead; We battled through by 0-05 to 0-03 in a very dour battle – Possibly a sign of future fixtures. This led to a quarterfinal victory over Moyle Rovers and then we were back against west opponents for the semi final – Lattin/Cullen. Possibly the experience of the previous campaigns was the decider, but however, we progressed onto our 6th consecutive final.

We were back against South opposition, Kilsheelan, who had won a great victory over Commercials in their semi final. Galtee's were missing 3 vital players from the previous years winning team and many neutrals felt that, possibly, Kilsheelan could have the edge on them. Thankfully they were wrong! After an uneventful 1st half we lead 0-04 to 0-03 at the break. Kilsheelan did threaten early after the break, scoring a great goal but this was as good as it got, as this proved to be their final score. We piled on 1-04 to no reply and ended up comprehensive winners on a score of 1-09 to 1-03. Fittingly, it was another player winning his 3rd medal, Mick Hickey, who stepped forward to



Vincent O'Donnell, Galtee Rovers captain, accepting the cup after defeating Loughmore-Castleiney in the county final at Fethard on August 31, 1980.

accept the cup on behalf of his team.

Munster club beckoned again, this time facing old friends from Clare, Kilrush. We headed for Clare and put in a great display that eventually led to a drawn match. Back in Bansha for the replay, we played nowhere near the same level and Kilrush were the victors.

1981 team: Jimmy Ferris; Billy Whelan, Mick Hickey (Capt.), Billy D'Arcy; Michael Grace, Vincent O'Donnell, Pat Bergin; Seamus McCarthy, Eamon McCarthy; Mickey Sean O'Connell, Michael McCarthy, Declan Hickey; Liam Bergin, Conor Peters, Sean Quinn; Subs; David Moloney, John O'Dwyer, Tim O'Dwyer, Hugh Kennedy, Brendan Hoare, John Joe Hayes, Johnny O'Connell, Mike McCarthy (Ballycarron), Ian Murphy.

Aherlow Senior Football County Champions 2006



Tipperary Senior Football Roll Of Honour

Fethard (21):	1887, '17, '18, '19, '20, '22, '23, '24, '27, '28, '38, '42, '54, '57, '78, '84, '88, '91, '93, '97, '01.	Kilsheelan (4):	1930, '32, '68, '72.
Commercials (14):	1944, '48, '56, 65, '66, '67, 69, '71, '82, '86, '89, '90, 94, '02.	Mullinahone (4):	1912, '13, '26, '29.
Loughmore		Saint Flannans (3):	1958, '59, '61.
-Castleiney (11):	1914, '40, '46, '55 '73, '77, '79, '83, '87, '92, '04.	Saint Patrick's (2):	1947, '53.
Ardfinnan (8):	1935, '39, '62, '63, '64, '70, '74, '05	Army	
Grangemockler (8):	1890, 1903, '04, '05, '06, '07, '09, '31,	10th Battalion (2):	1943, '45.
Clonmel		Templemore (2):	1925, '36.
Shamrocks (7):	1897, '98, 1900, '01, '33, '34, '37.	Nenagh Institute (2):	1911, '15
Moyle Rovers (7):	1995, '96, '98, '99, '00, '07. 09	Bohercrowe (2):	1888, '89,
Galtee Rovers (6):	1949, '50, '76, '80, 81, '08.	Aherlow (1):	2006
Arravale Rovers (6):	1894, '95, '96, '99, 1941, '85,	Cahir (1):	2003.
		Kilruane	
		MacDonaghs (1)	1975.
		Dr. Crokes (1):	1960.
		Old Bridge,	
		Clonmel (1):	1952
		Ballingarry (1):	1951.
		Tipperary	
		O'Leary's (1):	1910.
		Cloneen (1):	1908.
		Tipperary Town (1):	1902.

Galtee Rovers Players of 1976, 1980 & 1981

The Captains:

1976 – Jimmy Ferris – Main Street, Bansha Village

Jimmy captained the team from the Nr 1 position in 1976 and went on to play in all 3 of Galtee Rovers county title winning teams of this era. In an era when goalies weren't afforded the protection they get today, his presence was a massive boost to the defenders outside of him. Kept a clean sheet in both 1976 & 1980.

1980 – Vincent O'Donnell - Ballydrehid (R.I.P)

Vincent O'Donnell could rightly be described as one of the greatest players to ever come from the parish of Bansha-Kilmoyler. He captained the team from centre back in '80 and filled the same position in '76 & '81. Played for Tipperary and Munster (Railway Cup) for many years, excelling at both centre back & midfield. Also an accomplished rugby player.

1981 – Mick Hickey - Raheen

Mick Hickey played at full back in all 3 title winning years but had the honour of collecting the trophy in '81. An uncompromising presence at full back, he was as dependable as he was powerful.

The Players of 1976, 1980 & 1981

Billy Whelan – Barrack Street, Bansha; Right Corner back in all 3 years, was also club treasurer in 1986 & 1987.

Billy Darcy – Drangan Played at no. 4 on all 3 teams, he was an ever-present member with Mick and Billy. Living in Drom-Inch, often the 1st face we see if playing matches in the Ragg.

Eamon McCarthy – Main Street, Bansha Eamon was wingback in both '76 & '80 and played in midfield in '81, scoring our only goal in '81. Now resident in Naas, Co Kildare.

Seamus McCarthy – Main Street, Bansha Seamus was an ever present at midfield in all 3 finals. He had a lengthy career with the Tipperary senior footballers and has successfully

managed at all levels with Tipperary. Now a resident in Kinsale, Co Cork. Crucially scored 8 pts from midfield in the 1980 final

Paddy Morrissey – Foxfort Paddy was at midfield in 1976 & played at no. 11 in 1980. An outstanding attacker who was always capable of getting scores, he also has managed successfully with Tipperary at minor level & ladies football. His sons Colin & Pa have followed in his footsteps, both played on the Galtee's county winning team of 2008.

Pat Bergin – Cappa Pat was a member of the Under-21 county winning team on 1975. Graduated to the senior team in 1977, he was wing back in '80 & '81. Played senior football & junior hurling for Tipperary, he finished his playing days in 1999 with a County Junior hurling title.

Seamie Grogan – Rossadrehid Seamie was full forward in 1976 & played at midfield in 1980. An excellent all round footballer, he has transferred his ability to his sons with Barry & Seamus both playing inter county at present. Best of luck to them in today's county final.

Michael McCarthy – Main Street Bansha "Taffy" played at wing or centre forward on all 3 title winning teams. An outstanding attacker, he scored 4 pts in the final of 1981. Successfully coached the Tipperary ladies footballers for many seasons. His son Paul followed him & won a county medal in 2008.

Mickey Sean O'Connell – Main Street, Bansha Mickey Sean was no. 12 on the teams of '80 & '81, scoring a point in '80. Younger than many of his teammates, he continued playing for many seasons. His son Michael continued the family tradition by playing wing forward on the county title winning team of 2008.

Liam Bergin - Cappa Liam was a sub in 1976 & 1980 but had forced his way to no. 15 in 1981. Scored Galtee's opening point in the final. His son Kevin won a county championship in 2008.

Eddie Hickey – Raheen Eddie played at centre forward in 1976 & progressed to no. 14 by 1980. Scorer of 2 pts in 1976. Now living in

Fermoy, Eddie also played junior rugby for Munster.

Declan Hickey – Raheen Declan was wing forward in 1980 & corner forward in '81. Supremely quick, he scored 1 pt in both '80 & '81. Now club chairman in Galbally, Co Limerick, he also served as secretary for Galtee's for 1 yr.

Jimmy Darcy – Drangan Brother of Billy, Jimmy played at wingback in 1976. An accomplished hurler, he won a Fitzgibbon cup medal in his early years.

Sean Quinn – Fihertagh Sean was a youthful member of the '80 & '81 teams, playing at corner forward on both. Scored the point to put us in the lead in '81.

Conor Peters – Tankerstown Conor was a sub in 1980 but the following year he lead the attack at full forward. A tall, rangy player, he was extremely effective under the high ball. Now living in America. Was club secretary in 1981.

Michael Grace – Rossadrehid Michael was one of younger players, a sub in 1980 but played at wing back in '81. A tight defender who gave little away. His eldest son Edmund won a county championship in 2008.

Jimmy Lonergan - Ballydrehid Jimmy played at wing forward in 1976; His pace made him a tricky opponent. Scored 2 pts in the winning under-21 side of '75.

John Joe Hayes - Ballough John Joe played at corner forward in '76, scoring 1 pt & winning a penalty. He was a sub in '80 & '81, coming on in 1981. Well known for his love of training, he had a knack of getting important scores.

Jerry O'Connell – Main Street, Bansha Jerrox was corner forward in 1976 scoring 1 pt. Now a resident in the Kingdom of Kerry.

David Moloney – Chairhill David was a member of all 3 county winning panels, his finest moment against Arravale Rvs in '76, scoring 1-01. David was our co. board delegate for many years until recently.

Hugh Kennedy – Curraghvoke Hugh won medals in both '80 & '81. Only starting out his career then, he played right throughout the 1980's.

Tim O'Dwyer – Cappa Tim has medals from '80 & '81. Known as one of the fastest players on the panel.

Mike McCarthy – Ballycarron Mike was on the '80 & '81 panels, only breaking into the team at this time, he played most of his football

later on throughout the eighties. Now living near Twickenham in London.

Neil Fleming – Brownbog/Templenahurney Neil was a member in both 1976 & 1980. Now a long time resident in Canada. Won a Munster minor hurling in 1973.

Michael Byron – Raheen From a strong GAA family Michael won a county medal in '80. His father Jim was club chairman and younger brother Chris won an All-Ireland Junior hurling title with Tipperary. Michael played minor football for Tipperary for 2 years.

John O'Dwyer - Ruan John played his 1st year of senior football in 1981; Came on in the final, scoring the final point. John was also an outstanding soccer player.

John O'Connell – Main Street, Bansha Younger brother of Jerry, Johnny won a medal in '81. Won a county under-21 in '75.

Brendan Hoare – Ballydrehid Brendan won a medal in 1981. Living in Templemore now. Won a west Junior title in 1980 before progressing to the senior side.

Ian Murphy – Galtee View, Bansha Ian was a panel member in 1981. More renowned as a hurler, he was a teak tough wingback – One of the few football panellists to have played west senior hurling championship (combo with Sean Treacys)

Paul Hanley – Ballydavid Paul played in '76. Played in the county semi vs. JK Brackens of Templemore. Won a county under-21 in '75.

Jim Gallagher – Galtee View, Bansha Jim played in '76. A seriously talented underage footballer who often dominated games.

Michael Quirke – Templenahurney Played in '76, coming on against JK Brackens. Goalkeeper in the 1974 west senior winning side.

Seamus Byron – Ballydrehid A tight defender, 1976 was Seamus sole county success, however his son David mirrored this when part of the successful team of 2008. Seamus won a county under-21 medal in '75.

Paddy Lonergan - Grallagh Paddy was a panel member in 1976. Long time resident in Co Wexford. Won 3 west senior medals from 1974-1976. Won a west Junior title in 1980.

Bernard Ferris – Barrack Street, Bansha Bernard played in 1976. Now a long time local publican. Goalkeeper in the 1975 under-21 county winning side.

Tipperary Under-17 Football team



Tipperary Under-17 football team, winners of the inaugural Darrell Darcy Cup

A minute of your time with . . . Ciaran McGrath

Club: Loughmore Castleiney

When and where did you first play football (who was coach, friends)? At home with brothers and at grannys with cousins, tough games!

Who was the biggest influence on your career? Family, Eamonn and Jimmy Sweeney

What do you consider your greatest achievements? 2007, winning county and Munster hurling finals

What players do you most admire and why? Colm Cooper (Kerry) for a small man he's very hard to mark, Tony Browne (Waterford) seems to get better the older he gets and James Egan (Loughmore) he has a SERIOUS left leg!!

Favourite sporting event of all time? Heineken Cup final 2008 and world darts grand prix in City West there a few weeks ago.

Which living person do you most admire and why? My mother, for the job she done raising me!!

Describe your typical training week? Mon - gym, Tues - drive home from Dublin for training, Wed - gym, Thur - drive home from Dublin for training, Fri - gym, Sat / Sun - match or training.

What has been your biggest disappointment? Losing to Portumna in All-Ireland semi-final, losing U21 hurling county final to Killenaule in 2004 and losing Munster minor hurling semi final to Limerick. Fair low.

Your best football memory outside of playing? Was at the All-Ireland in 2008 Tyrone v Kerry, Brian Dooher's point off the sideline, magic!

Your best football memory as a player? Winning senior county final in 2004 and doing three in a row U21 county finals. Championship debut against Kerry this year, even though we were beaten it was still a great experience to play the All-Ireland Champions.

How do you relax away from sport? Watch telly or do a bit of social networking.

If there was a transfer market, what player would you add to your panel? We're stuck for a right half back at the moment.... So Tomas O'Se

You may now know it, but I'm good at . . . Fishing

If you could go back in time, where would you go? Boston or Skehans after the semi final!!

Who would play you in the film of your life? Will Farrell

When I was a child I wanted to be . . . A civil servant, now I want to be a child again!

Whom would you invite to your dream dinner party? Katy Perry, Eva Longoria, Cheryl Cole, Eva Mendes, Jessica Alba, Nicky Russell and Boots to cook!

What would your super power be? Be able to fly

In ten years time, I hope to be . . . Going for our 10th county football title in a row!



Aherlow's last county final win October 29th 2006

Aherlow 2-10 Moyle Rovers 0-4

Aherlow captured their first and only county senior Football title when they defeated Moyle Rovers at Cashel.

A sixth minute point by Barry Grogan set them on their way. Three minutes later Laurence Coskeran breached the Moyle Rovers defence to find the net. The goal helped give them a three point 1-4 to 0-4 cushion at the interval.

Moyle Rovers lost Niall Fitzgerald through injury but his side were expected to hit the ground running in the second half. Instead it was the boys from the Glen who struck first as a Stuart Moloney goal helped form a 1-2 blitz in the opening five minutes of the second half.

The eight point gap proved the difference as Aherlow staunchly defended their lead right up to the final whistle.

AHERLOW: Shane Leonard; Denis O'Shea, Mark O'Brien (capt), Ciaran McDonald; Cathal O'Shea, John Hennessey, Cathal Dillon; Derry Peters, Anthony Moroney (0-1);

Conor O'Shea (0-1), Stuart Moloney (1-2, 1f), Laurence Coskeran (1-1); Barry Grogan (0-3, 2f), Dave Cleary, Seamus Grogan (0-1).

Subs- Mark O'Shea (0-1) for Dave Cleary; Bernard O'Brien for Mark O'Shea; Sean Mullins for D O'Shea; Thomas Fahey for S Grogan.

MOYLE ROVERS: Ian Browne; Noel Wall (Capt), Liam Cronin, Robbie Boland; Martin Dunne, Aidan Foley, Roan Desmond; Niall Fitzgerald, Paul Johnson (0-1); Jack O'Shea, Declan Browne (0-3, 2f), Kevin Morrissey; Paul Shanahan, Pádraig Foley, Brian Mulvihill (0-1).

Subs: John Shanahan for N Fitzgerald; Aaron Kelly for R Boland; Kevin Condon for K Morrissey; Pádraig Kelly for J O'Shea; Billy Hunt for M Dunne.

REFEREE: John Kissane, Nenagh Eire Og.

Loughmore Castleiney's last win October 16th 2004

Loughmore Castleiney 0-9 Moyle Rovers 0-6.

Loughmore Castleiney bridged a gap of 12 years when they collected their 11th title following a hard fought win over Moyle Rovers at Leahy Park, Cashel. Playing a mixture of free flowing and stylish football with their team captain Michael Webster leading by example at midfield especially in the final stages when Moyle Rovers came strong for an equalising goal.

Paul Ormonde was man of the match but up front, it was his brother, Tommy, who along with Declan Laffan scored seven points between them.

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY: Dominic Walsh; Gary Sweeney, Ned Ryan, Paul Ormonde; Edward, Connolly, David Kennedy, Tom King; Michael Webster, Paul Brennan; Martin Gleeson, Seamie Bohane, Tommy Ormond; Evan Sweeney, Declan Laffan, Ciaran McGrath.

Subs: Davy McGrath for P Brennan.

MOYLE ROVERS: Ian Browne; David Conway, Aidan Foley, Noel Wall; Kevin Morrissey, Liam Cronin, Robbie Boland; Niall Fitzgerald, Pádraig Kelly; Declan Browne, Pádraig Foley, James Williams; Roan Desmond, John McGrath, Brian Mulvihill.

Subs: John Shanahan for J McGrath; T J Wall for P Kelly; Tom Lane for Mulvihill.

SCORERS: Loughmore – D Laffan 0-4 (0-2); T Ormonde 0-3; M Webster and M Gleeson 0-1 each.

Moyle Rovers: D Browne 0-4 (0-f); R Desmond and J Williams 0-1 each.

A minute of your time with . . . Mark O' Brien

Club: Aherlow

When and where did you first play football (who was coach, friends)? I first played football in primary school; my coach was Tom O' Shea

Who was the biggest influence on your career? My dad, (although he was a renowned forward and I ended up playing in the backs!). Thomas Peters and Tom O'Shea also had a big influence on my career.

What do you consider your greatest achievements? Captaining the first Aherlow team to win a senior county title in 2006.

What players do you most admire and why? GAA players in general because they sacrifice so much time and effort without financial recompense.

Favourite sporting event of all time? Liverpool winning the Champions league in 2005.

Which living person do you most admire and why? Lance Armstrong, he battled back from cancer to win the Tour de France.

Describe your typical training week? Train twice a week with a game or extra training at the weekend. I would also go to the gym a day or two.

What has been your biggest disappointment? Losing four county finals and a good few Munster finals with Tipperary.

Your best football memory outside of playing? Seeing the Tipperary U21 team winning the Munster football final. It was particularly special because Ciaran McDonald was captain, my brother Bernard scored a goal and Tommy Hanley came on and had a great game.

Your best football memory as a player? Winning the county senior football final in 2006.

How do you relax away from sport? Having a few scoops in the Coach Road!!

If there was a transfer market, what player would you add to your panel? Paul Galvin

You may not know it, but I'm good at . . . baking apple tarts!

If you could go back in time, where would you go? To a shop in Tipperary last Saturday night at 7.50pm with the winning Lotto numbers. 16 million would have come in handy!

Who would play you in the film of your life? Any actor who could pull a good pint of Guinness!

When I was a child I wanted to be . . . playing professional football with Liverpool FC.

Whom would you invite to your dream dinner party? Selma Hayek and Monica Bellucci for visual effect, Will Ferrell and Ricky Gervais for comic relief, Chris McDonald to provide the music!

What would your super power be? Invincibility.

In ten years time, I hope to be . . . retired!





Aherlow, West Intermediate Champions 1980: Back row: Tom Leonard (mentor), Pat Peters, Pat Moroney, John Kearney, Batty Meade (RIP), Eamonn Mullins, Mike Moroney, Mike O'Brien, Dave Shandhan, John Frewen, Mike English (mentor RIP), Joe Donovan, Tom O'Shea (mentor). Front: Lar Ivory, Mark Cullen, Thomas Peters, John Peters (captain), Din Joe Peters, Martin Bowers, Gerard Moroney, William V. O'Brien, Eddie Moroney with daughter Deirdre. Absent from picture: John Bowers.

Aherlow used red and white from 1960 to mid 1980s.

Loughmore put an end to Moyle's reign

Semi-final 2010: Loughmore-Castleiney 1-9 Moyle Rovers 1-5

By Jackie Cahill

MOYLE ROVERS had their reign as Tipperary SF champions ended by a Noel McGrath inspired Loughmore-Castleiney in yesterday's semi-final at Leahy Park, Cashel. Without talismanic forward Declan Browne, who was ruled out with an ankle injury, Rovers played second fiddle to the 2004 county champions in the second half. Loughmore-Castleiney, who last contested a county SF final in 2005, restricted toothless Rovers to a late goal in the second half while Cian Hennessy scored a crucial 40th-minute goal for the winners.

Scorers for Loughmore-Castleiney: C Hennessy 1-1, N McGrath 0-2, J Egan 0-2 (1f), T King, D Kennedy, E Sweeney & L McGrath 0-1 each.

Scorers for Moyle Rovers: P Acheson 1-0, P Shanahan 0-2 (1f), D Nolan, S Carey & D Foley 0-1 each.

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY: D McGrath; T Long, E Connolly, W Eviston; T King, C McGrath, A McGrath; J Scully, D Kennedy; J Egan, E Sweeney, M Webster; L McGrath, N McGrath, C Hennessy. Sub: L Treacy for Scully (41).

MOYLE ROVERS: K Kenrick; D Conway, R Power R Desmond; S Keating, D O'Dwyer, D Nolan; J Williams, P Acheson; S Carey, B Mulvihill, M Dunne; D Foley, P Foley, P Shanahan. Subs: J Shanahan for Williams (43), J Loneragan for D Foley (46), L Boland for P Shanahan (58), A Kelly for Keating (59).

Referee: P Russell (Emly).



David Kennedy, Loughmore-Castleiney clearing despite the attentions of Jim Williams Moyle Rovers in County SFC semi in Cashel.



The Loughmore/Castleiney Senior football management team from left: Noel Morris, Ned Ryan and Declan Laffan at the recent press night.

Grogan points the way for Aherlow

Semi-final 2010: Cahir 1-7 Aherlow 0-12

By Jackie Cahill

BARRY GROGAN scored ten points as last year's runners-up Aherlow booked their place in this year's Tipperary SFC final on November 7. Grogan's haul included seven frees and the west divisional champions held on for a gritty win after county team-mate Ciaran McDonald was sent off for a second bookable offence seven minutes from time.

At half-time, the sides were level at 1-3 to 0-6 as Cahir hit 1-1 within a minute before the break, the goal scored by Dean Lonergan, after they had gone 29 minutes without a score.

Scorers for Aherlow: B Grogan 0-10 (7f), C McDonald & L Coskeran 0-1 each.

Scorers for Cahir: B Hickey 0-7 (4f, 1 '45), D Lonergan 1-0.

AHERLOW: B Moroney; M O'Brien, J Hennessy, M Hanley; S Mullins, C McDonald, C Dillon; S Grogan, S Moloney; L Coskeran, D Peters, B O'Brien; C O'Shea, B Grogan, C McDonald.

Subs: T Hanley for O'Brien (45), T Fahey for C O'Shea (58), D O'Shea for M O'Brien (60+3).

CAHIR: B Enright; G Hally, P Frazer, P Hyland; P O'Flaherty, R Costigan, G Berry; L O'Gorman, M Tarrant; D Lonergan, T O'Gorman, C Crowe; R Peters, B Hickey, P McEvoy.

Subs: J McGrath for Crowe (36), E Flannery for McEvoy (36), N O'Gorman for Berry (54), A Wall for T O'Gorman (57), J Swords for L O'Gorman (59).

Referee: K O'Brien (Kilsheelan)



Cathal Dillon Aherlow in action against Thomas MacDonaghs

Friends of Tipperary Football

Friends of Tipperary Football exists to support Tipperary football teams and ensure that our players are given the best possible preparation for their championships.

Friends of Tipperary Football is a sub-committee of Tipperary County Board but has its own officer board and executive committee.

The Treasurer of County Board is ex-officio Treasurer of the Friends of Tipperary Football.

The officers and committee are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting which is usually held in November.

While we support our players both on and off the field, our main aim is to financially support our teams and ensure that our teams have top training facilities. Underage development squads at U-14, U-15, U-16 and U-17 are strategically important in the progression of Tipperary football and the Friends are active in supporting these groups.

The Friends are also organising a supporters network for travelling to games and organising social activities for fans.

You can support us by joining Friends of Tipperary Football. It's just €20 per year and there are many membership benefits.

This year the Friends have a 2011 Calender with photos of Tipperary teams in both codes from U-14 to Senior, Adverts in the Calender are still for sale contact any of the committee.

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